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We thank Philippe Roca for our cover photograph of the Black-crowned Night Heron taken at the Falls of the Ohio in May.
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THE SPRING MIGRATION OF 1987

ANNE L. STAMM

The spring migration of 1987 was termed by some observers as "poor" and "slow." Traditional migration waves were not reported, but a noticeable passerine movement occurred on May 2 and 6. Species expected to arrive in late March and early April were generally later than usual, although a single Eastern Kingbird was unusually early, arriving on March 23. Some winter birds such as Pine Siskins were still present in May in Shelby and Grayson counties.

The weather this spring was rather strange. March was exceedingly warm and temperatures averaged more than four degrees a day above normal for the first 29 days, according to the National Weather Service. This warm and sunny weather was broken by a freak 8-inch snowstorm in Louisville on March 30. Eastern Kentucky, particularly Perry, Pike and Letcher counties, was hard-hit with a heavy snowstorm during April 3-5. The new snow left accumulations ranging from 10 inches in West Liberty and 12 inches in Middlesboro to 24 inches in Hazard and Pikeville to 36 inches in Letcher County. A few days later the temperature ranged in the forties and April, for the most part, was fairly mild, but May was hot and more like August. Rainfall for the period was much below normal.

Some population changes were noted in various sections of the state. Many observers felt that House Wrens were more numerous than usual. Eastern Kingbirds were also present in good numbers in Hart and Shelby counties. Wood Thrushes seemed less common than usual and warblers were in low numbers.

No hawk migration flights were reported and few Broad-winged Hawks were observed. The rarity of the season, however, was the sighting of a Ruff.

Abbreviations — MSB=Mayfair Settling Basins, Louisville; MCFH=Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, Rowan County; Reelfoot NWR=Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Fulton County; SWMA=Sauerheber Wildlife Management Area, Henderson County; BBC=Beckham Bird Club; CKWMA=Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area; BWMA=Ballard Waterfowl Management Area.

Loons through Bitterns — A single Common Loon returned to Kentucky Dam on March 21 (BPB) and two at Lake Pewee on March 25 (JH); one to three appeared in early April at Doe Run Lake, Kenton County (EG), Cave Run Lake, Rowan County and three were still present at Lake Pewee on May 15 (JH). Pied-billed and Horned Grebes were scarcely mentioned: one to four of the former were found at three locations and singles of the latter species at two locations, but 30 were present above Kentucky Dam on March 21 (BPB). Double-crested Cormorants were reported from eight locations, all in western Kentucky with the exception of one near Danville and one at the Falls of the Ohio. A flock of 40 birds was seen flying north in Calloway County in early April (MM) and 70 noted on Bayou de Chien, above Hickman, Fulton County, April 5 (BPB, LR).

Single American Bitterns were reported in northeast McCreary County on April 29 (BPB, J. Campbell) and at Mayfair settling Basin, Jefferson County on May 10 (BPB).

Hérons — A total of six Great Blue Herons was observed in Grayson County on May 10 (KC, H. Lush, AW); seven in Fulton County, May 15, seven in Carlisle County and six in Ballard County, May 16 (S, DS, FS); no others reported. Two Great Egrets returned to Lake #9 by April 5 (BPB), one at MCFH on April 17 (FB) and one at Science Hill, Pulaski County, April 22 (JEL). May records included singles at the Falls of the Ohio (BPB), MCFH (FB); five in Fulton County and three in Ballard County (S, DS, FS). The only Snowy Egret reported was an adult seen on Swan Lake, May 16 (S, FS, DS). Several Little Blue Herons were noted at Reelfoot NWR, April 17 (BPB) and two adults at Swan Lake, May 16 (S, FS, DS). Eight Cattle Egrets were present near Open Pond, Fulton County, April 17 (BPB) and one there May 15 (S, DS, FS); and one at MCFH on May 6 (FB). Green-backed Herons were reported in fairly low numbers. One hundred and forty-five Black-crowned Night Herons visited the rock ledge below McAlpine Dam, May 19 (LR); two noted in a flooded field in East Bend, Boone County, April 19 (LMc). Five Yellow-crowned Night Herons were present at the Falls of the Ohio and one at Lentz's Pond on May 31 (BPB).

Waterfowl — A Mute Swan was seen on a farm pond in Boyle County March 23 (*vide* FL). There was a fair migration this spring for diving ducks and moderate flocks of dabbling ducks.

One hundred Black Ducks were present at SWMA on March 27 (BPB). Large numbers of Blue-winged Teal were noted in a flooded field along the Ohio River in Boone County in mid-April (LMc); fifty at SWMA on April 12 (BPB); and 17 still present in Calloway County, May 2 (J. T. Erwin *vide* CP). Quite unexpected was an apparent hybrid Blue-winged x Cinnamon Teal at Hays Kennedy Park, Jefferson County, April 6 (JC). The bird remained until April 8 and was seen by many observers. Northern Shovelers peaked at 80 birds at SWMA on March 15 (BPB). Eighty-two Ring-necked Ducks were seen at Lake Pewee on March 20 (JH). Two Greater Scaup were seen at Smithland Dam, March 21 (BPB) and nine at Towhead Island, March 27 (LR). Two rafts of Lesser Scaup Ducks totaling 450 or more were above Kentucky Dam on March 5 (S, DS, FS) and a similar number on March 15 (S, BM, M. Monroe, FS); on the afternoon of the latter date 500 there (BPB); about 100+ on Lake Barkley above the dam on April 5 (BPB), and 52 still present near Shippingport Island, April 12 (LR). An Old Squaw was reported above Kentucky Dam on March 15 and a flock of 14 there on March 21 (BPB, LR). Red-breasted Mergansers were numerous at Lake Barkley above the dam where 700+ were present on March 21 (BPB); other sightings away from Lake Barkley included 24 at Louisville on April 3 (LR), five at Waitsboro Recreational Area, Pulaski County on April 4 (JEL); one at Frankfort Game Farm Lake on March 21 (WB) and six at Kentucky Dam, May 13 (BPB).

Hawks — There were no hawk flights reported. Turkey Vultures peaked at 77 on March 27 at MCFH (FB) and 30 still remained there on May 29.

Eight sightings of Ospreys were reported this spring between March 21 and May 17 at the following locations: Lake Barkley (BPB), Jonathan Creek (MM), below McAlpine Dam (LR), farm pond south of Lexington (LMc), pond north of Somerset (JEl), Owsley Fork Reservoir (GR, AR), and one in flight over HWY 70 one mile north of Pulaski County in Rockcastle County (JEl). Single Mississippi Kites were observed near Lake #9 and at Columbus State Park on May 15 and 16, respectively (DS, S, FS). A pair of Bald Eagles nested at BWMA, two young were seen, but later the young died (L. Andrews). Ten Cooper's Hawks were reported: three in Pulaski County, April 27 (JEl); an immature and two adults in Spencer County, May 7 and 8 (WB); three in Grayson County, May 10 (KC, AW); and one in Fulton County, May 15 (DS, S). Single Red-shouldered Hawks were observed in River Fields Sanctuary (LR), Madisonville (JH), Jefferson County Forest (DS) and in Fulton County (DS, S, FS). Although no Broad-winged Hawk flights were observed there were a few reports: a pair on April 18 at Boone County Cliffs Preserve, one on May 17 and another at Big Bone State Park, May 9 (LMc); three in Grayson County, May 10 (KC, Una Byrd); and one over Columbus State Park, May 16 (DS, FS, S). Red-tailed Hawks were in normal numbers: a total of 23 reported on the Grayson County count on May 10 (KC *et al.*) while 14 were on the Calloway County count on May 2 (J. T. Erwin *vide* CP). A beautiful Krider's Hawk was well seen at Princeton, Caldwell County on March 15 (S, BM, Mark Monroe).

Wild Turkey through Coots—Three Wild Turkeys were observed on the Neill Farm at the Falls of the Rough on May 10 (KC). Observers working in Grayson County on May 10 found 64 Northern Bobwhites (KC *et al.*) while a total of 44 was reported on the Calloway County count on May 2 (J. T. Erwin *vide* CP). The only Virginia Rail reported was one at Indian Fort Theater, east of Berea on April 22 (GR). Small numbers of Sora Rails were reported: six at SWMA on April 19 and May 12 (BPB); singles at Leitchfield May 10 (AW) and in a marsh at Somerset Reservoir on April 16 and April 25 (JEl). American Coots peaked with 282 at Lake Pewee on March 25 (JH); two birds were still present at the marina at Kentucky Lake May 13 and 17 (S, DS, FS). A flock of 30 Sandhill Cranes was observed over Louisville on March 15 (BPB).

Shorebirds—The only Black-bellied Plover reported was seen in the Ohio River Bottoms near Maceo, April 16 (M. Brown *vide* AP). Lesser Golden Plovers were reported at only four locations with the earliest near Danville on March 28—three birds (FL); two at Murray on March 31, nine at Jonathan Creek, April 3 (MM) and three at Open Pond, Fulton County on April 5 (BPB, LR). A total of 75 Semipalmated Plovers was observed in scattered flocks in western Henderson County on May 12 (BPB), small numbers in Jefferson and Fulton counties and 18 still present at MCFH on May 29 (FB). A Greater Yellowlegs made its appearance on March 5 in Henderson County (RI), numbers were relatively small this spring with the exception of about 100 in the northern part of Reelfoot NWR on April 18 (CP) and a total of 70 birds in scattered flocks in Fulton County, April 5 (BPB). A Lesser Yellowleg was first observed near Danville on March 28 (FL) but 300 were in the vicinity of Bondurant and Lake #9 on April 18 (CP) and 150 in scattered flocks were present in

Fulton County on April 5 and in Reelfoot NWR on April 17 (BPB). There were a few unusual shorebird records: Upland Plovers (3) in the Ohio River Bottoms, near Maceo, Daviess County, April 17 (AP); one in Calloway County in "early April" and May 2 (MM) and on Schuler Lane, Louisville the first week of May (BPB); a Ruddy Turnstone in Fulton County, April 18 (CP); a single Western Sandpiper at Open Pond, April 5 (BPB) and Reelfoot NWR, April 18 (CP); and two on May 4, 6 and 14, but a high of 10 on May 7 at MCFH (FB); White-rumped Sandpipers (2-6) on Lake #9 (BPB) and MCFH (FB); a Baird's Sandpiper in eastern Union County (BPB, LR, D. Ebel) and five at MCFH on May 7 and one on May 14 (FB). The rarity of the season, however, was the Ruff on April 17 in the northern section of Reelfoot NWR (BPB). This is Kentucky's second record of this rare spring transient. Normal numbers of Semipalmated Sandpipers passed through Kentucky. Least Sandpipers were present from April 5 to May 31 with the latter date at Petersburg, Boone County (LMc) and the maximum number about 100 at Lake #9 (BPB). Thirty Pectoral Sandpipers were seen near Danville on March 28, but migration was in full swing on April 5, when about 500 were seen in scattered flocks in western Fulton County; also observed in Henderson and Rowan counties. A single Stilt Sandpiper in western Henderson County and a flock of 13 Short-billed Dowitchers near Open Pond occurred on May 12 and 13, respectively (BPB). Common Snipe were widespread and present in fairly good numbers (m.ob.).

Jaeger through Terns—The Pomarine Jaeger, formerly reported, was last observed on March 15 and 21 by many Kentucky observers and on March 24 by a Tennessee birder. Eight Bonaparte's Gulls were first observed below the Kentucky Dam on March 15 (S, BM, M. Monroe). They were fairly widespread in numbers from one to three in Calloway, Hopkins, Daviess and Boone counties. Largest movements occurred on March 21 with 150 birds along the Ohio River at Louisville, 100 at Lake Barkley, March 29 (BPB), 75 on the wall below McAlpine Dam on April 3 (LR), and 30 at MCFH on the same date (FB). An adult Franklin's Gull was present on Lake Barkley above the dam, April 5 (LR, BPB). A maximum of 1,000+ Ring-billed Gulls was counted at Kentucky Dam, March 5 (S, FS, DS), about 750 there on March 15 (BPB) and two still present on May 13 (S, *et al.*); also 1000 on Lake Barkley around Boyd's Landing on March 21 (BPB); fairly common throughout the period along the Ohio River in Boone County, with two still present at Petersburg on May 9 (LMc). Herring Gulls were reported in small numbers in mid-March at Kentucky Dam, Lake Barkley and the Falls of the Ohio; two were still present at the latter location on May 19 (BPB). A single Caspian Tern was noted at East Bend, Boone County on April 11, five on April 19 (LMc); two at Kentucky Dam on April 16, 18 and 11 at Smithland Dam on May 12 (BPB). The only Common Terns reported were the three at MCFH on May 4 (FB). Two Forster's Terns were noted in Calloway County on May 2 (J. T. Erwin *vide* CP), six at Smithland Dam on May 12 (BPB) and five near Rough River Dam on May 10 (KC). Least Terns were reported at Lake #9 on May 13 (no number given—BPB, J. T. Erwin) and five at Hickman, Fulton County on May 14 (S, DS, FS). Two Black Terns were observed on MCFH May 4 (FB) and one at Barkley Dam on May 13 (BPB) were the only ones reported.

Cuckoos through Woodpeckers — A Black-billed Cuckoo at Glasgow on May 16 was the only one reported (RS). Yellow-billed Cuckoos arrived rather late and were recorded at the following locations: Madison County (AR) and the Falls of the Rough on May 10 (KC), Madisonville on May 11 (JH), Glasgow (RS) and at the campgrounds at Kentucky Lake, May 13 (FS, S, DS). Common Barn Owls were reported from four locations: one at Madisonville on March 6 (JH), one at Burlington on May 3-5, 29-31 (LMc), a pair at Stanley during the period (T. Stevenson) and one at MCFH on April 3 (FB). Common Nighthawks arrived later than normal: first sighting at Morehead, Rowan County on April 28 (FB), another at Science Hill, Pulaski County on April 30 (JEL), other arrival dates were in May (m.ob.). Five Chuck-wills-widows were recorded at Big Pond Sanctuary, Grayson County on May 10 (KC) and one at Madisonville on June 3 (JH). Whip-poor-wills were reported as "down in numbers" in McLean County (RI). Four Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were still present in Grayson County on May 10 (KC *et al.*).

Flycatchers through Crows — Three Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were heard singing on Surrey Hill Farm, Louisville on May 19 (BPB). Four Willow Flycatchers were observed at MCFH on May 14 (FB). A Least Flycatcher was recorded at MCFH on April 28 (FB) but one was still present at CKWMA on May 25 (GR). Eastern Kingbirds were recorded in good numbers in Hart (SK), Shelby and Henry counties (S, FS); one bird was unusually early in the Louisville area on March 23 (H. Schutte) and established an early state date. Purple Martins arrived much later than in previous years. Colonies in Jefferson and Ballard counties were decidedly down in numbers (S, DS, FS). The only concentration of Tree Swallows occurred at MCFH on April 3 when 200 were seen (FB). Rough-winged Swallows arrived at the Somerset Reservoir on March 27 (JEL). Numbers were thought to be down in Grayson County (KC). Approximately 80 Bank Swallows were observed in Carroll County on May 24 (S, FS); ten birds at MCFH on May 4 (FB). A single Cliff Swallow arrived at Eggner's Ferry, Trigg County on March 23 and established an early state date (CP). Forty-five Cliff Swallows were noted at MCFH on May 4 (FB), about 80 at Barkley Dam on May 13, 30 at Jonathan Creek, May 14 (S, DS, FS); and 111 was the total for an all day count in Grayson County on May 10 (m. ob.). Several Fish Crows were heard at Reelfoot NWR and about 15 at Chalk Bluff on April 17 (BPB).

Wrens through Shrikes — Reports on the Carolina Wren indicated birds were "plentiful" (FL), "up in numbers" (RI), "quite common this spring" (JH) and heard more frequently in Louisville. It was encouraging to have a few reports of the Bewick's Wren: one near Kentucky Dam on March 21 (LR, BPB); a pair in Murray for only a few days (no date given — R. Butler *vide* CP); three in the Falls of the Rough area on May 10 (Una Byrd, KC). House Wrens appeared to be more common than in recent years. A Winter Wren was still present in Calloway County on May 2 (J. T. Erwin *et al. vide* CP). A Ruby-crowned Kinglet lingered at Burlington until May 16 (LMc). Good numbers of Eastern Bluebirds continued to be reported from most areas. A Gray-cheeked Thrush was still present at Burlington on May 30-31 (LMc). Reports of the Wood Thrush were a bit

discouraging. They were "doing poorly" in the Danville area (FL), "seldom heard or seen this season" in the Madisonville area (JH) and numbers appeared to be down in the Louisville area (S). There appeared to be a decrease in the number of Brown Thrashers sighted during the period. The Cedar Waxwing migration seemed to be more in evidence in mid-May and later with small flocks at Madisonville (JH), Erlanger, Kenton County (EG), Columbus State Park (S, FS, DS), but a total of 158 birds fed on the cherry and mulberry trees in Big Pond Sanctuary on May 10 (KC). Few observers mentioned the Loggerhead Shrike but sightings occurred in the following locations: two in Calloway County (*fide* CP), four in Grayson County (KC, AW), one in Jefferson County and two in Carlisle County (S, DS, FS).

Vireos through Warblers — A total of 23 White-eyed Vireos was seen in Calloway County on May 2 on an all-day count (*fide* CP) while 41 were on the Grayson County count on May 10 (KC, Houston Lush, AW). Ten Solitary Vireos were found in the Falls of the Rough area on May 10 (KC). Yellow-throated and Warbling Vireos were in low numbers. A Red-eyed Vireo arrived at MCFH on April 1 and tied Kentucky's early record date (FB). The majority of observers felt that the warbler migration was poor and that numbers were low. The Common Yellowthroat appeared to be the only warbler species where fair numbers were found. Warblers arrived later than normal. A small flock of six Yellow Warblers, near Lake Barkley, Trigg County on May 29 was thought unusual (CP). A Cape May Warbler was still present at Burlington on May 17 (LMc). A Black-throated Blue Warbler was seen near Danville (no date given — W. Kemper *fide* FL). A Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler was still present at the campground area near Kentucky Dam on May 13 (S, DS, FS). Interesting Pine Warbler reports included one heard on March 6 at Madisonville, Hopkins County and heard often during March, April and through May 31 (JH) and also heard at two other locations in Hopkins County; one in Hodgenville, Larue County on May 10 (JEL). Ten to 12 Cerulean Warblers were observed in Mammoth Cave National Park on May 2 (SK). A Swainson's Warbler was heard and seen in the headwaters of Eagle Creek, McCreary County on May 6 (BPB, M. Medley). A Connecticut and two Mourning Warblers were observed in Louisville on May 10 and May 19, respectively, while another Mourning was reported in Calloway County on May 13 (BPB and the latter species with H. Wieting). A Canada Warbler was still present in Hart County on May 28 (SK). The Yellow-breasted Chat was thought to be "extremely scarce" in McLean County (RI).

Grosbeaks through Sparrows — Blue Grosbeaks were reported in small numbers from Fulton (S, DS, FS), Calloway (MM *et al.* *fide* CP), Hopkins (JH) and Hart counties (SK). Good numbers of Dickcissels were in western Fulton County on May 14 and 15 (S, FS, DS). Four Bachman's Sparrows were reported near Hardin, Calloway County (E. Van Slyke *fide* CP). A few Grasshopper and Henslow's Sparrows were first noted at CKWMA (GR) and others on Schuler Lane, Louisville on May 3 (BPB). Grasshopper Sparrows were also observed at the Greater Cincinnati Airport, Boone County on May 9 (LMc) and two Henslow's Sparrows arrived at MCFH on the early date of March 12 (FB).

Bobolinks through Finches — Bobolinks were barely mentioned and the only sizeable flock reported had 30+ birds at Science Hill, Pulaski County on May 2 (JEL); singles were noted in Shelby, Jefferson (WB), and Calloway counties (*vide* CP). Twenty-four Rusty Blackbirds were seen in the Nottliroth Sanctuary, Louisville on March 12 (LR). Orchard Orioles appeared unusually common in many areas. They were first reported in Hopkins County on April 20 (JH); three birds were heard singing until 9:15 p.m. at Ken Lake on May 13 (S, DS, FS). Northern Orioles were common in western Fulton County, but not as common in Jefferson County as usual (S). House Finches continued to increase in numbers. Pine Siskins were widespread during late April and May. A total of 91 birds was reported on the Grayson County count on May 10 (KC, AW, Ruth and T. Keller, H. Lush, B. Landes, Una Byrd). Evening Grosbeaks were also widespread, but only in small groups (8-15) and were last observed in Madison County on April 22 (AR) and Calloway County on May 3 (CP).

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BALD EAGLE COUNT IN KENTUCKY — 1987

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Eagle counters tallied 195 Bald Eagles and three Golden Eagles on the 1987 Kentucky census. January 9 was the target date within a time frame of January 2-16. This census was done in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Waterfowl census. The National Wildlife Federation now records only the counts at Ballard County, Lake Barkley and Dale Hollow, rather than the full state census. Weather during the period was unusually warm and clear.

Immature eagles were down from 86 (37%) to 51 (27%), while mature birds were down only from 148 to 142. This count has been exceeded only last year and in 1984, when Reelfoot Lake was frozen, forcing their eagles to seek open water on the Mississippi and lower Ohio Rivers. A mature Golden Eagle was seen on Paintsville Lake, and an immature on the Mississippi River and on Land Between the Lakes.

Again no eagles were reported from Obion and Mayfield Creek Bottoms, and only one in the Barlow Bottoms, near the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. These were very productive in 1984.

Land Between the Lakes gained 29 eagles and Dale Hollow 10. The Lower Ohio lost 42, and the Mississippi River 16. Eagles across the Ohio River from Ballard County were counted.

Table I summarizes the 1987 census, with some earlier high records.

TABLE I— Kentucky Bald Eagle Census, January 2-16, 1987

ROUTE	Ad.	1987		Earlier High Counts	
		Imm.	Total	High	Year
Land Between the Lakes	40	25	67+	54	1984
Mississippi River*	23	7	30	72	1984
Ohio River, Wickliffe to north Livingston Co. (Carrsville)	39	8	47	89	1986
Ohio River, Carrsville-Owensboro		1	1	7	1984
Ohio River, Battletown-Louisville	2		2	5	1986
Ohio River, Markland Dam- Cincinnati		1	1	0	
Green River Lake	5	1	6	12	1986
Dale Hollow, Kentucky portion	19	7	26	12	1983
Lake Cumberland	6		6	14?	1983
Cumberland River, dam to Burkesville	5		5#	8	1986
Cave Run Lake	2	1	3	7	1984
Laurel Lake	1		1	9	1985
Martin's Fork		—	—	2	1986
Totals	142	51	195+		

* Golden eagles were reported here and at Paintsville Lake

+ Includes 2 eagles, age unknown.

Excludes 2 eagles, possibly duplicated on Lake Cumberland.

Eleven parties reported other hawks. Counts for 1986 and 1985 are in parentheses: American Kestrel 101 (103, 105); Red-tailed 50 (68, 76); Marsh Hawk 8 (7, 5); Rough-legged 4 (3, 1); Red-shouldered 1 (3, 2); Sharp-shinned 0 (2, 1); Cooper's 1 (3, 3); Osprey 0 (0, 3); Black Vultures 16; Turkey Vultures 1.

There were 60 participants in 30 parties. They represented the Kentucky Ornithological Society, federal and state Fish and Wildlife agencies, TVA, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, Audubon Society and Owensboro Area Museum. Space does not permit listing these individuals, but their help is gratefully acknowledged, and solicited next year.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

GREAT EGRETS AND SNOWY EGRETS COLOR-MARKED IN NORTH ALABAMA

As part of an egret restoration project in north Alabama, 187 Great Egrets (*Egretta alba*) and 14 Snowy Egrets (*E. thula*) have been hacked near Gunter'sville Reservoir during 1985-1987. Each Great Egret is marked with a 2-inch long red flag attached to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service leg band, while each Snowy Egret has a similar blue flag. I welcome reports of any sightings of these color-marked birds. Please note date, location, species, and number of egrets present. Information should be sent to: Burline P. Pullin, Wildlife Resources Development Program, Tennessee Valley Authority, Norris, TN 37828 (telephone 615-632-1642) and the Bird Banding Laboratory. I will appreciatively acknowledge any letters.

K.O.S. FALL MEETING

The Kentucky Ornithological Society Fall Meeting will be held 25-27 September at Natural Bridge State Park. Please plan to attend and make your reservations soon. You don't want to miss the sale of some extraordinary bird books that will be held during the meeting. Details of this sale will be forthcoming or you may have already received them. Anyone who would like to share unusual birding experiences or research findings at the Friday evening meeting should contact Jim William, Program Chairman, 480 Seeley Dr., Lexington 40502.